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In re Application of:)
Takayuki NIUYA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2823
Serial No.: 09/658,193) Examiner: J. Maldonado
Filed: September 8, 2000)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTOR)
DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated January 28, 2002, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 11-16 and 20-21, drawn to a method of manufacturing semiconductor devices and Group II, claims 17-19, drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing semiconductor devices. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 11-16 and 20-21, drawn to a method of manufacturing semiconductor devices, without traverse.

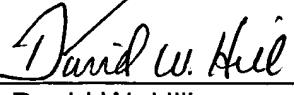
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